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In re application of:)
Applicants: Fabrizio Greco)
Ser. No.: 10/821,943)Group Art Unit: 3679
Filed: April 12, 2004)Examiner: Unknown
For: Device for coupling valve...)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents – Mail Stop Amendment

Washington D.C. 20231 USA

Sir,

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b) and (c)

Applicant herewith encloses copies of the prior art references which have been cited in the European Search Report issued for the counterpart European Patent Application which contains subject matter equivalent to that of the present application. The references submitted herewith for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

A copy of the European Search Report (in English) is herewith provided which indicates the degree of relevancy found by the European Patent Office of each reference, so as to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), according to the Commissioner's Comment 68, 1135 Off. gaz. Pat. Office 13,20 (Feb. 4, 1992), and as set forth in MPEP 609 part A(3).

A copy of the Annex to the European Search Report is also enclosed, which indicates the patent family members of the patent documents cited in the Search Report.

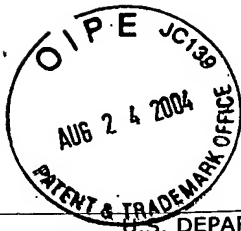
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Respectfully submitted,

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